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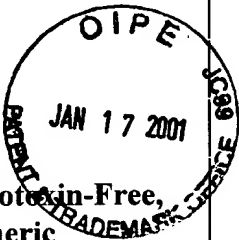
In re application of:

Ross TYE

Appl. No. 09/411,006

Filed: October 1, 1999

For: **Non-Pyrogenic, Endotoxin-Free,
Stroma-Free Tetrameric
Hemoglobin**



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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2000, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-64. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. This election is made without traverse. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 07207.0002.00US00. A duplicate copy is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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Our Ref: 07207.0002.00US00

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No.08-3038 referencing docket number 07207.0002.US00. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael J. Bell".

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Enclosures